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1458 cases disposed of by them. Appeals against the trial court judgements have been filed in 2 of the aforesaid 8 cases and action has been taken against investigating officers in 6 cases.

Cases are registered and investigated by the CBI strictly as per the provisions of the CBI Crime Manual. On conclusion of trials by the courts, analysis of all court judgements resulting in acquittal or discharge is also undertaken. In all those cases where flaws in investigation are pointed out, the CBI initiates action against officials found at fault. But in cases where the CBI is of the view that evidence on record has not been properly assessed by the court, appeals are filed in the higher courts.

Cases under trial are monitored very closely. Superintendents of Police in the CBI have been instructed to attend important hearing in courts. Senior supervisory officers of the level of Joint Directors and D.I.Gs. have also been asked to attempt important hearings in courts. As a result the conviction rate for the half year ending 30.6.2000 has improved to 72.5% from the figure of 57.9% for the corresponding period in 1999.

At present there are 57 vacancies against 230 sanctioned posts in the CBI's prosecuting staff. Due to revision of the pay scales of the posts of prosecutors in the CBI, these posts can be filled only after revision of the relevant Recruitment Rules for which action has been taken.

Report on Human Development by U.N.D.P.

***279. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the latest report on Human Development by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) which says that 70 per cent of the population suffers from poor sanitation while 19 per cent have no access to safe water;

(b) whether the UNDP report contradict the Planning

Commission's statistical claim that 98.4 per cent of Indian population is covered under drinking water scheme; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

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The Statistical claim about 98.4% coverage of Indian population 'under drinking water schemes' has not been made in any published document of the Planning Commission. In fact the PEO survey in 29 districts of 16 States showed that 40% villages complained of shortage during summer months in 1996-97. Many surveys done later have also confirmed that for half of the population either quantity or quality of water was inadequate especially during summer months.

Data Bank on Indians Abroad

***280. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of External Affairs propose to prepare a data bank of Indians abroad in a bid to strengthen the network of NRIs and people of Indian Origin; and